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SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF US-ASEAN MINISTERIAL AND DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION EXPERTS

REFS: A) MANILA 8664; B) MANILA 8513; C) STATE 128436;
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1. PLEASE INFORM MRS. MANALO THAT SAME US TEAM WHICH
WAS TO GO TO MANILA JUNE 5-6 WILL BE READY TO MEET WITH
ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION EXPERTS ON JULY 7-8.
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2. WE RECEIVED FIRST BATCH OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
PAPERS AND LOOK FORWARD RECEIVING FURTHER PAPERS PER
PARA. 4, REF. A. WE WILL REVIEW THESE PAPERS SHORTLY
AND WILL COMMUNICATE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, IF ANY, IN
TIME FOR ASEAN EXPERTS CONSIDERATION. WE IN TURN WOULD
CONSIDER IT VERY HELPFUL IF ASEAN EXPERTS' MEETING COULD

BE SO TIMED THAT THE RESULTS OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS, I.E. PROJECT LIST THEY WILL PROPOSE WITH AT LEAST BRIEF SUMMARY OF THOSE PROJECTS ON WHICH PAPERS HAVE NOT BEEN SENT TO US COULD REACH US SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO US TEAM DEPARTURE, AT LATEST BY JUNE 28.

3. WE ARE MUCH ENCOURAGED BY MRS. MANALO'S REACTION TO

ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND DRAFT AGENDA. WE REQUEST EMBASSY URGE MRS. MANALO TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE ARE PLACED ON AGENDA OF STANDING COMMITTEE. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT GREAT DEAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL WORK WILL HAVE TO BE DONE AND THE SOONER WE CAN START ON FIRM PLANNING THE MORE LIKELY WE WILL SUCCEED.

4. WE DEFER TO MRS. MANALO'S WISHES AND DO NOT REQUEST OTHER ASEAN POSTS TO MAKE FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS. WE DO REQUEST THOUGH THAT BY END OF NEXT WEEK EMBASSIES JAKARTA, SINGAPORE, KUALA LUMPUR AND BANGKOK MAKE INFORMAL INQUIRIES TO ASCERTAIN THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS HAVE RECEIVED ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDA AND FIND OUT WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS REGARDING THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

5. FYI: IN ADDITION TO PRESENTING THE ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDA TO ASEAN WASHINGTON COMMITTEE ON MAY 17, THESE
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HAVE NOW BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER WIDJOJO IN AMSTERDAM BY DAS HEGINBOTHAM AND WITH MINISTERS ROMULO AND MOCHTAR IN NEW YORK BY SECRETARY. END FYI.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION FROM MRS. MANALO HOW ASEAN WISHES TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR AUGUST MEETING. GEBER WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS COORDINATOR FOR US-ASEAN MINISTERIAL WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH MRS. MANALO OR AN ASEAN COMMITTEE IN MANILA IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION EXPERTS MEETING OR IF NECESSARY AT ANY OTHER TIME IF ASEAN SO WISHES, KEEPING IN MIND THAT WE WOULD NEED TO KEEP HIS ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON AT A MINIMUM. PLEASE ADVISE.

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